

THE TRANSPORTER

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MAIL TIME TABLE.

Caldwell & Ft. Sill Line.
ARRIVE. DEPART.
From North 11 a.m. From South 10 a.m.
Mondays Excepted. Sundays Excepted.
Stages, same time, going S. Tuesdays,
Thursdays & Saturdays; going N. Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays.

A. T. & S. F. R. R. TIME TABLE.

CALDWELL STATION.
ARRIVE. DEPART.
Passenger. 11:50 A. M. 3:00 P. M.
Accommodation. 8:40 P. M. 5:20 A. M.

James Morrison came in from the long O range on Sunday, on a short business trip.

F. W. Tieman was at Caldwell last week, and brought back with him a fine two seated spring wagon for Mr. Seger's livery.

One more brand added to the TRANSPORTER herd this issue—that of John Volz, who is holding cattle on the strip near Cantonment.

The work on Darlington & Murphy's new hotel is progressing nicely, and it will be pushed forward to completion as soon as possible.

We have a batch of items from Cantonment this issue. This is just what the TRANSPORTER wants—items from all points in the Territory.

H. L. Bickford and L. Tracy came down the trail last week to look after their bar H L cattle, which they are holding near Cantonment. They called upon the TRANSPORTER, and it is needless to say that the call was appreciated.

J. H. Seger has purchased F. W. Tieman's interest in the livery stable and the business will in the future be carried on by Mr. Seger. Mr. Tieman is we understand to go to Caldwell, where he will resume his old occupation—reasoning.

Hermann Houser, who is the quartermaster's clerk at Ft. Reno, made a brief call on this side of the river on Friday. Mr. Houser is one of the best known characters in this country, and is a well posted and entertaining gentleman.

W. A. Hemphill, the champion nimrodsman, went out west last week on a hunting expedition. Will has quite a mania for "dears," but the result of this trip was verbatim to that of the school boy—"saw lots of deer and shot several, but they all got away."

Jas. Bond was up last week from the Canadian, looking as hearty and pleasant as ever. He says that his cattle are in fine shape, and that he did not lose a single hoof from the cold winter. Although the range on the Canadian is entirely burned, the new grass is beginning to come up and will soon be sufficiently high to bring stock of all kinds out in splendid condition.

Robert Curtis, one of the enterprising cattlemen of the Canadian, and a jolly good fellow, was up several days last week. He has a large herd on the Caddo range, and reports everything quiet among that tribe and his cattle doing as well as could be expected. Robert also says that the Caddos are making every necessary arrangement to plant their crops. This tribe, although small, raise large crops every season, and are an industrious lot of people.

GRAND DRESS PARADE.

Accepting an invitation from the kind post people, several of our Agency folks were permitted to witness a full dress parade at Ft. Reno on Wednesday last, given in honor of Gen. Hatch, of Ft. Riley, who, in company with Col. Henry, arrived from Ft. Sill on Tuesday. The five companies of the post, three of infantry and two of cavalry, were out in full uniform, and are indeed a well drilled force of men—each lieutenant having charge of his company and drilling it in regular military exercise. The parade as a whole was conducted by the affable Capt. Carroll, who did nobly in the rendition of his duties on this occasion. The military band, although having only a short practice, furnished some very appropriate martial music. Just before the marching off of the companies to their various quarters, all were drawn in line and the reading of reports, etc., by the adjutant. Lieut. Rogers, took place. A message from Gen. Pope, expressing his gratitude and congratulating Capt. Carroll for the manner and promptness in which he fulfilled his orders in disposing of the Oklahoma crew, was also read and listened to with interest. While we know less of the regulations of the military than anyone, we would safely aver that the officers who were connected with this parade are capable of challenging any one body of their fraternity in the west, and that they would carry away the medal, too. Our Agency party, consisting of Misses Starr, Maffet, Reed, Ellen Campbell, Collins, Campbell, Eva Miles, Lillie Connell and Master Whit Miles, were cordially invited to the balconies of Dr. and Mrs. LaGarde and Lieutenant and Mrs. Huston from which to view the parade, and were entertained splendidly. In the evening a grand reception was tendered Gen. Hatch at the hospitable quarters of Captain and Mrs. Bennett, and was pronounced the most elegant affair to have ever occurred in the post. Their quarters were appropriately decorated in a most picturesque manner, and the zealous Captain and lady were highly lauded for their effort in making the evening a pleasant one to their guests.

On Sunday evening, the 18th inst., Rev. H. Voth, of the Mennonite mission, delivered, at the Arapahoe school, his first sermon in the English language. Mr. Voth, although a German, spoke fluently and grammatically, and his sermon as a whole was indeed an eloquent one, and his effort was greeted with an attentive and appreciative audience. The addition of some new members to the choir, added much to the volume of music, and the services all the way through were exceedingly interesting as well as entertaining.

A. J. Butts was in a few days last week from the western range, this being the first time to visit the Agency for some three months. Mr. B. is an enterprising cattleman of considerable stability, understands the business and is meeting with success. He reports that his cattle are doing well, and that the cattle adjacent to his range are also doing nicely, and the boys are rejoicing to think that the time for green grass and spring poets is almost at hand, when stock will be in shape to take to the grass and kick up their heels at pleasure.

Mrs. J. H. Seger has been quite sick for the past week, but we are glad to hear she is now improving.

L. Kurth and Marion Blair were along the trail last week, en route for the Washita range, and returned this week. Both of the gentlemen are "cattle kings" of the strip, and average up with the usual cowman—a jovial lot of fellows. Mr. Blair is also a member of the large grocery firm of E. B. Roll & Co., Caldwell.

Dr. Hodge, our Agency physician, having been granted a leave of absence of thirty days, will start next week on a visit to his old home at Lawrence, Ks., for the first time for over a year. Mrs. Hodge will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Meek, at Indianola, Iowa. We wish them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

ROUND-UP AT ERIN SPRINGS.

Our neighbors, the Chickasaws, will hold their annual stock meeting at Erin Springs on the 31st inst. This is the spring round-up of the Chickasaw Stock Association, and will, in all probability, be an enthusiastic meeting, and as the citizens of Erin Spring are abundantly blessed with the faculty of kindness and sociability, they will make things pleasant for their guests. The TRANSPORTER extends to the members of the association its many thanks for sending us their call for insertion, and also for an invitation to attend their meeting, and it will afford us much pleasure to meet with our friends, and we know of no reason just now why we cannot be present.

ONE OF THE "STANDBYS"

A word in every day use in this Territory is "Johnson's Ranch," which is known by every one far and near. The ranch consists of quite a settlement on the Main Canadian about twenty five miles south east of this agency, at the Texas cattle trail crossing. Close to the trail is Johnson's store, (conducted under the management of P. A. Smith) a general headquarters for the Chickasaw country. M. T. Johnson, the owner of the ranch, is an old landmark, and was never out of the limits of the Territory until his recent trip to New York City, where he spent four months visiting his father C. Johnson and his son Edward, nineteen years of age, now attending college. C. Johnson, the father, now sixty two years of age, was Agent for the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians forty five years ago, having come from the state of Mississippi with the tribe, being married to a half blood Chickasaw woman. He was Agent for five years, during which time Monfort was born at Tuschimingo, the capital of that nation. Mr. Johnson located his present ranch on the Canadian four years ago and is surrounded in every direction with evidences of his thrift and enterprise. He has many of the conveniences of civilization and ranks highly among the Chickasaw stockmen, among whom he takes a prominent place. The ranch is convenient to magnificent ranges, upon which Mr. Johnson has his stock, consisting of eight thousand cattle and four hundred horses, the latter being an unusually large fine breed of animals in which Mr. Johnson takes much pride. Munfort T. Johnson is now thirty-nine years of age, and up to the time of his recent New York trip was never out of the Ind. Territory. He reports a grand good time back in civilization and during his visit enjoyed a formal call on General Hancock on Governor's Island in New York harbor, and many other celebrities.

CHEYENNE SCHOOL LOCALS.

Thos. Bear-Robe is working in Caldwell.

Mr. Taber preached at the Agency Easter Sunday evening.

Charles Hubble has gone up Salt Creek—to herd stock for Mr. Seger.

John Miles and R. B. Hayes, two of our Cheyenne boys, are working for Williams & Co., at Red Fork. John received two packages of valuables from his friends of the Presbyterian church in Carlisle, Pa.

Miss Hamilton and her boys have made a great improvement in her school room. The desks have been turned around and the teacher's rostrum placed in the east end of the room. Such work as this is good industrial training for the boys.

We had the pleasure of taking tea at the Mennonite mission. We wish all the Indian children in the Territory had as good a home and pleasant surroundings as the children of this school have. Mr. Voth is in charge while Mr. Shultz is recuperating at Cantonment.

Revs. Voth, Funk and Miss Dyck spent the evening with us. Rev. Funk returned to Cantonment after a stay of two weeks at the Mennonite mission. Mr. Shultz and Mrs. A. M. Haury accompanied him. Mr. Shultz will make a short sojourn at that place for the benefit of his health.

We had a nice Sabbath school review lesson on Easter Sunday. Agent Miles' zealousness would not allow him to stay at home, although the clouds hung low and the skys looked cold and gray. Agent is not a "fair weather" friend, for rain or shine he is at his post. He gave the children an excellent talk on the Bible promises, and then addressed the camp class.

Monday afternoon the Cheyennes decided to let four girls go to West Branch, Iowa, to a school in charge of Mr. Benjamin Miles, cousin of our Agent. It took some hurrying to get them ready by Tuesday noon. Clara Hyde, Nina Living Bear, Nora Bear's Heart and Kate Stalker were the four chosen. A large number of their Indian friends came to see them off. The girls were very determined and left in good spirits. Agent Miles received a telegram from Mr. Miles saying they would meet the girls in Caldwell on the 24th. By this time they are installed in their new home.

Robert Burns, one of our Cheyenne boys, is at school at Ft. Wayne, Ind. His letters and monthly reports show marked improvement. He is also learning economy. The Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member, purchased some new books, and each member paid ten cents into the treasury to pay for them. Robert's pocket money was getting a little short, and in a letter to Miss Anna Hamilton he explains the matter in the following very nice manner: "I don't know what I shall do to give the ten cents for the books. I have not that much. I have five cents and it will be destroyed by the three cent stamp which I will put on this letter, and then I will have only two cents." Robert, besides attending to his school work, earns some money on Saturdays and during vacation by working.

Dr. LaGarde, the good-natured post surgeon at Ft. Reno, will visit the Agency each day during Dr. Hodge's absence, and make calls at they are designated him.